

I. INTERNATIONAL SALE OF GOODS

Note by the Secretary-General: United Nations Conference on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods (A/CN.9/183)*

1. Pursuant to General Assembly resolution 33/93 of 16 December 1978, the United Nations Conference on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods was held at Vienna from 10 March to 11 April 1980.

2. Sixty-two States were represented at the Conference. One State, one Specialized Agency, six other inter-governmental organizations and one non-governmental organization sent observers to the Conference.

3. The Conference elected Mr. G. Eörsi (Hungary) as President, Mr. R. Loewe (Austria) as Chairman of the First Committee, Mr. R. Mantilla-Molina (Mexico) as Chairman of the Second Committee, Mr. W. L. H. Khoo (Singapore) as Chairman of the Drafting Committee, and Mr. P. K. Mathanjuki (Kenya) as Chairman of the Credentials Committee. The Conference was serviced by the Secretariat of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law.

* 21 May 1980.

4. The Conference adopted a Final Act (A/CONF.97/18),* the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods, (A/CONF.97/18, annex I)* and a Protocol Amending the Convention on the Limitation Period in the International Sale of Goods (A/CONF.97/18, annex II).*

5. The Convention was opened for signature at the concluding meeting of the Conference on 11 April 1980 and, on that day, signed by 6 States: Austria, Chile, Ghana, Hungary, Singapore, Yugoslavia. The Convention will remain open for signature at United Nations Headquarters in New York until 30 September 1981. It was opened for accession as from the date it was opened for signature (11 April 1980), in accordance with its provisions.

6. The Protocol was opened for accession as from the closing date of the Conference (11 April 1980), in accordance with its provisions.

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